

First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 26, 2021 – Traditional Service with Communion



Jesus increased in wisdom
and in stature and in favor
with God and man.

Luke 2:52, ESV

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

Currently, we recommend all those attending worship wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, for your safety and the safety of others. Thank you for your cooperation.

We track attendance for communion. If you plan to commune, you're invited to register yourself beforehand on our website (trinitylutheranchambersburg.org), by calling the church office (717-263-8156), or ushers can register you when you arrive.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

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On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind.

We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

Bish

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess our sin before you.

We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

We have not put on love in harmony with you.

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

Swaddle our hearts with your peace,

that all we do, in word or deed,

may reflect your love born among us.

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us

in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

† In Christ your sins are forgiven

and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Joy To The World"

ELW 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom,
O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word,
that in all things we may think and
act according to your good will and
may live continually in the light of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Please be seated.



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

*Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service,
Hannah visits him every year when she and
her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices.
God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.*

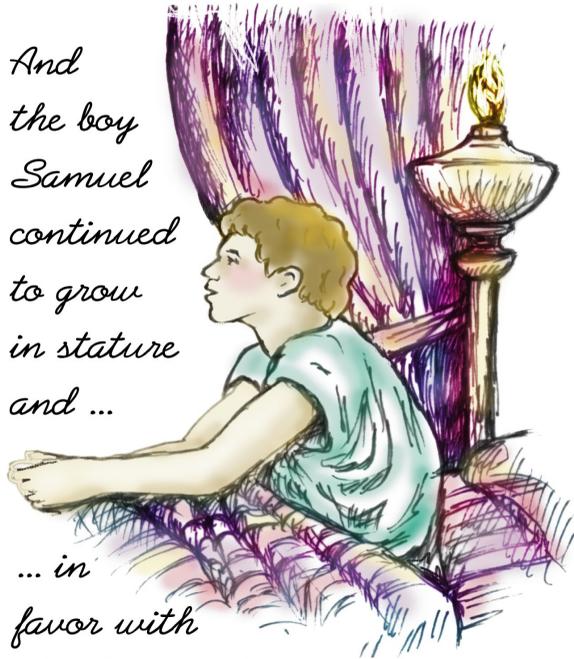
¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

*And
the boy
Samuel
continued
to grow
in stature
and ...*

*... in
favor with
the LORD and with people.*



1 Samuel 2:26, NIV

HYMN

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

ELW 275



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.



All who heard him
were amazed...

Luke 2:47, NRSV



GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year.

It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that

Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



[Mary]
treasured
all these
things in
her heart.

Luke 2:51, NIV

HYMN

“Away In A Manger”

ELW 277

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head: the stars in the bright sky looked
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.



SERMON
HYMN

“Growing In Love”
“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

Pastor Spomer
ELW 270

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born king;
3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is, born in Beth - le - hem!”
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born king!”

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 20.

A brief silence

Response following each petition:

L: Merciful God,

R: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

OFFERING

Please place your offerings in the plate provided by the door as you enter or exit worship. Thank you for your generosity and faithful support.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Pastor sings: ...and as you drink it, remember Me...



All Sing: So, we thank You for_ the wine _ and for the bread; _ For



see the life_ You gave _ and the blood You _ shed And we re -



-mem - ber Your won- drous_ love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your



blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous _



love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your _ blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Collect an empty cup as you near the front of the sanctuary and proceed forward.

The pastor will place the bread in your hand.

*Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant
will pour wine from the chalice into the empty cup.*

After drinking the wine, please return to your seat along the side aisle.

Grape juice is available; please request that from the communion assistant if you prefer it.

COMMUNION HYMN "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" ELW 282

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

ELW 289

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain
 night that was so deep,
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

COMMUNION BLESSING
POST COMMUNION PRAYER
THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

ELW 290

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.



SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"He is Born, the Divine Christ Child"

Christopher

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Preacher	<i>Pastor Spomer</i>
Presider	<i>Pastor M. David Kiel</i>
Organist	<i>Barb Woods</i>
	<i>10 AM</i>
Lector	<i>Janelle Barkman</i>
Cantor	<i>Renee Kiel</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Dave Etter</i> <i>Louisa Etter</i>
Ushers	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i> <i>Lois Hess-Strite</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Christie Brown</i> <i>Jason Brown</i>

Next week's Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18



*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Pastors David & Renee Kiel
and devoted members of Trinity
by Joyce McDonald and family.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Trinity's Children
by Barbara Montgomery.*

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ray Kaufman	Dale Rucker	Cheryl Kelly
Brock Harmon	Pat Spare	Ayano Sakai
Dottie Fochtman	Denny Varner	Shirley Tomlinson
Charlie Snyder	Lois Hess-Strite	Larry Royce
Jeff Vanderbush	Curt Stambaugh	Cameron
Brenda Zullinger	Bob Rynecki	Kayla Reed
Lynn Fisher	Ron Portner	Mary Royce
Michele Phillips	Jane	Jim Cistone
Susie Glick		

MEMBERS

Evan, Jane, Sarah & Elizabeth Sutton	Peggy Tarner	Marjoil Texter	Judy & Larry Tinburg
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*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

*****Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The church office will be **CLOSED** from *Monday, December 27, 2021 and will reopen Monday, January 3, 2022*

BIBLE & BREW



Monday, January 10th & Monday, January 24th
Join us @ Trojan Diner
6 PM - 8 PM

Join us for good food and lively conversation as we discuss the book, "The Women of the Bible Speak".

For questions, contact Elaine Hess-Strite.

LET'S GO SNOW TUBING!

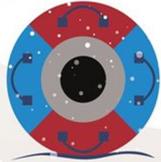
Join us for a great afternoon of fun!



Whitetail Ski Resort
Saturday, January 15, 2022
Time TBD

Cost: \$34 per person
\$9 for those 42in or shorter
Scholarships available - see Pastor David

Sign-up by January 12th
by scanning QR Code or
signing your name below



Amazing Grace...

Amazing God

Trinity Lutheran Church

Church Sign to Promote Positivity in Chambersburg

Signs are ready and available in the office. They are free for the taking, however, if you are so inclined, a donation of \$10 per sign would help defray the costs.

The church yard sign has been developed with a positive statement about God and our congregation. We hope each member of Trinity will take one of these signs home with them and place it in their yard for an indefinite period of time.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



FINANCIAL SECRETARY PART-TIME JOB

The Financial Secretary's job position is to receive, record and deposit all funds into the bank, and forward information to the Treasurer. Must be a member of Trinity, detail oriented, have computer skills, and the ability to maintain confidentiality. For more information contact the church office.

Be a Sponsor

SPONSORS NEEDED

*Sign-up on
bulletin board in hallway
or call the church office.*

Altar Flowers	\$40+
Children's Bulletins	\$3
Bulletins	\$25

GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUPS

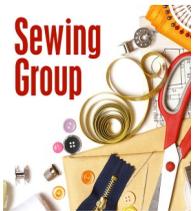
TO REGISTER CONTACT
THE CHURCH OFFICE:
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MEETS THURSDAYS:
NOVEMBER 11, 2021 - FEBRUARY 17, 2022 @ 7 PM
(ZOOM & IN-PERSON)

Find help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. GriefShare is a support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. This group will be led by people who have dealt first hand with grief and want to help get you through the difficult days and experience peace and joy again.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Today - 12/26	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>
Monday - 12/27	7 - 9 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room <i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday - 12/28		<i>Office Closed</i>
Wednesday - 12/29	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Yoga - Social Hall Choir practice - Sanctuary <i>Office Closed</i>
Thursday - 12/30	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge <i>Office Closed</i>
Friday - 12/31		<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday - 1/01		<i>New Year's Day (NO Saturday Worship)</i>
Sunday - 1/02	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i>



SEWING GROUP
January 26, 2021 @ 11 AM
 @Helen's home.
 For more info call/email
 the church office.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Colossians 3:12, 14 –As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
 clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
 which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

We all know that stewardship is about how we live so that we love God thoroughly and our neighbor as ourselves. This remarkable passage gives us a vivid image to help us get there. Wake each day and clothe ourselves in Christian character and love.



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TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

Interim Senior Pastor	<i>The Rev. M. David Kiel</i>
Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
Director of Music Ministries	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Office Manager	<i>Christie Brown</i>
Secretary / Fin. Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Sexton	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Asst. Financial Secretary	<i>Sage Brown</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*